

## ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS

*Convention signed at Washington March 15, 1888, supplementing convention of December 5, 1885*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification June 18, 1888*

*Ratified by Venezuela August 2, 1888*

*Ratified by the President of the United States August 7, 1888*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington June 3, 1889*

*Entered into force June 3, 1889*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 4, 1889*

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*<sup>1</sup>

28 Stat. 1064; Treaty Series 371

### CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE MEANING OF THE CONVENTION SIGNED DECEMBER 5, 1885

Whereas doubts have arisen in respect of the true intent and meaning of Article IX of the treaty between the United States of America and the United States of Venezuela signed at Washington on the fifth day of December 1885, and, in consequence of such ambiguities, the exchange of ratifications of said treaty has not taken place within the period therein prescribed for such exchange;

And, whereas, the High Contracting Parties are desirous of removing all doubts in respect of the meaning and intent of said Article, and of extending the time for the exchange of ratifications of said treaty, to the end of reaching an amicable and honorable solution of the difficulties that now impair their good relations;

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United States of Venezuela, have named as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention for that purpose, the President of the United States of America, Thomas F. Bayard, Secretary of State of the United States of America; and the President of the United States of Venezuela, José Antonio Olavarria, Chargé d'Affaires of Venezuela at Washington; who, after reciprocal communication of their full powers, found in due and good form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 3, *ante*, p. 1085.

## ARTICLE I

It is understood and agreed that in the event of any of the awards of the Mixed Commission under the Convention of April 25, 1866,<sup>2</sup> being annulled in whole or in part by the Commission authorized and created by Article II of the treaty of December 5, 1885,<sup>3</sup> no new award shall in any case be made by said Commission, to the holders of certificates of any award or awards annulled as aforesaid, in excess of the sum which may be found to be justly due to the original claimant.

## ARTICLE II

The time fixed for the exchange of the ratifications of the aforesaid treaty between the United States and Venezuela signed at Washington on the fifth day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, is hereby extended to a period not exceeding five months<sup>4</sup> from the date of this Convention or sooner if possible.

## ARTICLE III

The present Convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by the President of the United States of Venezuela by and with the advice and consent of the Congress thereof, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible within the time specified in Article II hereof as the period of extension of the time for the exchange of ratifications of the treaty signed at Washington on the fifth day of December, 1885.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed and sealed the present Convention in duplicate.

Done at Washington this 15th day of March, A.D., 1888.

T. F. BAYARD [SEAL]

J. A. OLAVARRIA [SEAL]

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<sup>2</sup> TS 370, *ante*, p. 1082.

<sup>3</sup> TS 371, *ante*, p. 1085.

<sup>4</sup> For an extension of the period for exchange of ratifications, see agreement of Oct. 5, 1888 (TS 371), *post*, p. 1095.